

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

# The City Of Augusta

## *Proclamation*

*IN RECOGNITION of “Mentoring Awareness Month”*

*WHEREAS, Augusta-Richmond County is dedicated to realizing the promise and power of Mentoring; and*

*WHEREAS, the Mentoring for Success Program is designed to help students excel in school by recruiting citizens in Augusta-Richmond County to become mentors; and*

*WHEREAS, school based mentoring provided a coordinated, systematic, proven success based and cost-effective approach to enhancing the academic potential of our school children; and*

*WHEREAS, the efforts of just one mentoring organization, the East Central Health District Mentoring for Success Program has brought an undeniable resource to our school children providing many hours of mentoring in numerous schools throughout Richmond County this past year; and*

*WHEREAS, One-to-One mentoring studies show that teachers report that youth receiving mentoring indicated an increase of, 86.2% in academic performance; 64.4% in attitude toward school; 52.8% in school preparedness; 59% in class participation and 53.9% in classroom behavior; and 87% were promoted to the next grade level; and*

*WHEREAS, the growing network of Mentoring for Success and other mentoring organizations, stand united and ready with a network of dedicated mentors, volunteers, state leaders, corporate partners and professionals in mentoring to bring the highest quality of mentoring, resources, assistance, hope and excellence to the school children of this county.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Young, Mayor of the City of Augusta, do hereby proclaim January 2004 to be “MENTORING AWARENESS MONTH” in Augusta, Georgia, and urge all citizens to recognize this month.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia, to be affixed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 2004.*

*Mayor*